**News and Notes**

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| **Item** | **Information** |
| **Learning Opportunities** | |
| **Leading and Learning** | Designing Success for all students (Central Alberta Regional Consortium)  [www.carcpd.ab.ca](http://www.carcpd.ab.ca)  December 6 – 7, 2013 |
| **When Kids Can’t Read: Strategies to Improve Adolescent Literacy** | Literacy Connection (CARC) $60.00  Grades 4 to 12  January 24, 2014 9:00 to 3:30 |
| **Smarter Science Introduction**  Inquiry Process Skills for helping students plan and implement their own investigation | Science Teachers K – 12 (CARC) $100  November 12, Jan 16 and March 12  8:30 to 12:00  Smarter Science Certification K – 12 (Available in French or English) $700  Nov 22 &23, Jan 17 & 18 |
| **Google Summit** | Google in Education: Alberta Summit $400.00  Edmonton Expo Center - February 24 and 25  [www.erl.ca](http://www.erl.ca) |
| **Resources and Research** | |
| **Comprehensive School Health (Healthy Schools)** | Corinne Hansen has a variety of resources to make curriculum connections for grades K-12. Contact her Corinne to access further resources and support:  chansen@chinooksedge.ab.ca |
| **Community Learning Campus (Olds College and CESD)** | Field Trip – connect with Olds College  There are many opportunities to bring your class and school to explore and create within the college!  The link to the curriculum connections documents is <http://communitylearningcampus.ca/CLC%20Learning.php>  You have to scroll down the page a bit to get to the links…they are below the CLC Learning visual. |
| **Inclusive Education Library Language Arts** | <http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/ieptLibrary/lib03.html>  Reading Inventories, writing rubrics, and observation checklists to gather information and identify instructional strategies and supports. |
| **Literacy and Engagement** | Blog on low-stakes writing (writing to increase understanding instead of writing to demonstrate understanding)  <https://www.teachingchannel.org/blog/2013/10/16/writing-to-learn/> |
| **Updates** | |
| **QLE Update** | **Literacy: Reading Framework** continues to be revised by the district literacy steering committee ~ make sure to click on the elements of reading to see the work that is happening behind the scenes: <http://www.chinooksedge.ab.ca/Framework.php>  **Engagement:** take a look at the definitions and scenario examples for conversation around engagement linked from the QLE. As well, that there will be more to come for evidence and research in this area. |
| **Provincial Updates**  Curriculum Redesign | **Did you know the province is examining Curriculum Redesign?** Alberta Education is reviewing and revising our standards and guidelines for Curriculum, which includes programs of study, assessments, and learning and teaching resources, as well as processes for developing curriculum.   * [**What will change?**](http://education.alberta.ca/department/ipr/curriculum/about/what-will-change.aspx) * [**How will curriculum change?**](http://education.alberta.ca/department/ipr/curriculum/about/how-will-it-change.aspx) * [**Curriculum Development Prototyping**](http://education.alberta.ca/department/ipr/curriculum/curriculum-development-prototyping.aspx) |
| **Alberta Government**  Student Learning Assessment | [**Timeline, development, and administration**](http://education.alberta.ca/department/ipr/curriculum/student-learning-assessments.aspx) |
| **Provincial Assessment Programs** | Update on administration and development of new [Student Learning Assessments](http://www.education.alberta.ca/teachers/resources/connection/october-2013/provincial-assessment-programs.aspx) (SLAs) |
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